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Acids

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

A Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 11, 16, 21-23, 28, 51-53, and 71-74 were previously pending in this application.

Claims 51-53 are previously withdrawn as a non-elected invention.

Claim 28 is canceled herewith.

Claims 3, 6, 10, 12-15, 17-20, 24-50, and 54-70 are now canceled.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 11, 16, 21-23, and 71 are amended.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 11, 16, 21-23, 51-53, and 71-74 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 11, 16, 21-23, and 71-74 are now pending examination.